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In re Applicant:

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Group Art Unit: 1615

For: Methods, Pharmaceutical Compositions,
Oral Compositions, Filters And Tobacco
Products For Preventing Or Reducing
Tobacco Smoke-Associated Injury In The
Aerodigestive Tract Of A Subject

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ELECTION

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Restriction Action mailed March 17, 2003, which response is being made on or before
April 17, 2003.

Applicants hereby elect Group III, namely Claims 35 – 61, drawn to a filter.
Furthermore, with respect to the species selection, Applicants hereby select
hydroxocobalamin.

It is believed that Claims 35-41, 43-46, 48, 49, 51-54 and 57-60 read on the
above species.

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to any one or more of the non-elected Groups.

Respectfully submitted,



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